

# Crabs

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## Crab Facts

• Crabs are crustaceans and have an exoskeleton (thick shell) which is like a shield on its body.



• Crabs are invertebrates (animals without a backbone). Their exoskeleton protects them from predators and provides support for their bodies.

• Crabs actually have ten legs. The first pair of legs are modified into claws.

• The largest crab is the Japanese Spider Crab which has a leg span up to 3.8 m and can weigh up to 19 kg.

• Most crabs live in water but some live entirely on land.

• After losing its claw, a crab can grow it back.

What other interesting facts can you find about crabs?

## Crab Art Collage

On a large sheet of paper, draw an outline of a crab.

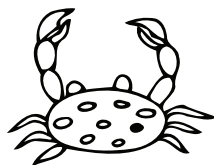
Using small pieces of coloured paper, material or fabric, cover your crab drawing to create an interesting pattern.

Draw or paint the surrounding background.

## Extension Report

Land Crabs

There are several crabs that live on land such as the Coconut crab or the Christmas Island red crab.



Select one type of land crab and write a short report.

Include drawings and some interesting facts.

## Plurals

Write the plural of the following nouns.

crab \_\_\_\_\_ claw \_\_\_\_\_

grape \_\_\_\_\_ box \_\_\_\_\_

leg \_\_\_\_\_ grape \_\_\_\_\_

foot \_\_\_\_\_ story \_\_\_\_\_

lady \_\_\_\_\_ child \_\_\_\_\_

goose \_\_\_\_\_ key \_\_\_\_\_

dish \_\_\_\_\_ country \_\_\_\_\_

man \_\_\_\_\_

Select three plurals and write each in a sentence.

## Number Crunchers

In a rockpool at the beach, there are 7 crabs.  
Each crab has 8 legs and two claws.

How many crab legs are there altogether?

How many crab claws are there altogether?

Some of the crabs had a fight and three of them each lost one claw.

Now how many crab claws are there altogether?

